

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

November 5, 2012

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:55 am on the above date in the Conference Room 401 of the Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Blier, RNP

Jessica Brier

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Linda Damon, RN

David Becker, MS, RN

Maria Jean, LPN

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Maria Pezzillo, MS, RN

Cristina Rosa, MS, RN

Manuela Raposo

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

Linda Twardowski, RN, MS

Kristen Young, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carol Cairns RN, MS

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edward D'Arezzo

Lori Keough, PhD, M.Ed, RNP

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS

Jennifer Sternick, Esq.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:48am. A quorum was established.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF October 5, 2012

On motion of L. Damon, seconded by D. Becker, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented with no changes.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

• President Matteson attended the meeting of the CNOs of area hospitals on Tuesday October 16th @ at the Hospital Association of

Rhode Island. The hope is to increase relationships with employers in the state. R. Ricatelli is a helpful conduit for this. L.Keough and P. Matteson

- **Status on the NCSBN Continuing Education module on the RI Nurse Practice Act and the RI Rules and Regulations conference call on Monday, October 15th with the Interactive Services of the NCSBN. CE credit will be applied for by NCSBN, a template was distributed and there is a template to help us to develop the module. P.Matteson asked for a group to review the regulations and submit to the NCSBN by December 1. L. Keough stated she would take the lead for this and submit to the group for review.**

- **Discussed the Council Connector a publication through NCSBN. Major update from NURSYS that employers will be able to check disciplinary actions, license status (expired or active) and educators can find grants etc. through the NURSYS system.**

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Reviewed newly licensed nurses and state NCLEX reports (up until 9/2012).**
- **Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization, Testing, and Health Screening for Health Care Workers (Amended 10-2012) Effective Oct 25, filed Oct 5. HCW must wear a mask during a "period in which flu is widespread". This is defined as a period that**

commences when the Director declares that there is an outbreak of influenza that is widespread within a particular facility, or within a defined geographic area in which the facility is located, or throughout Rhode Island; and that ends when the Director declares the outbreak is no longer widespread. Direct patient contact is defined in the regulations. Violations will be subject to possible disciplinary actions of “unprofessional conduct” this will have implications for the board. Copies are provided and on the web.

- Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Home Nursing Care and Home Care Providers [R23‐17‐HNC/HC/PRO] Nov 5, 1 PM public hearing. L.Keough has copies for review and this is also available on the DOH website. Major highlights include 10.18 DUTY: Reporting of Resident Abuse, Mistreatment, or Neglect and certificate of need.

- Advisory Councils (Midwifery and Advanced Practice and CNA) we are in need of members willing to serve on these Boards, Information on the DOH website or call/email L. Keough for additional information.

- Nurse Education Redesign Activities-meeting for 11-1 was cancelled. However, L.Keough has been invited to participate and is very eager to work with the group.

- Prescription Monitoring Program has been implemented. Advanced practice prescribers were invited to sign up. Monitors Data on the Schedule II and III prescriptions for medicine dispensed the prior month and can significantly decrease abuse/harm.

- Future meetings for 2013 will remain on the second Monday of the

month except in the case of a holiday in which case the meeting will be moved to the first Monday of the month. Time will remain the same.

- There is legislation drafted to discontinue wallet cards given to licensees. Not passed and on hold pending the governor's work to review all legislation for small business impact.
- Colleen Neubauer from NCSBN will be here on December 19 to plan for the annual meeting. We were invited to see venues with the visitor's bureau.
- Many thanks to C. Rosa for many years of service to the Board. This is her last meeting and we wish her well on her future endeavors. We are currently interviewing a replacement.

5. BUSINESS

- **School Health Regulations (Rosemary Reilly-Chammat)**

Discussed new regulations in effect for administration of over the counter medications in schools. The first public hearing in spring and feedback was significant enough to revise the language and there is new language for the regulations for schools that may permit students to carry over the counter medications if they choose to allow this. It is in process to go back to public hearing, this will likely not happen until 2013. Concussion prevention is part of this as well as bullying. The full regulation is available on our website.

- **Internationally trained nurses- Manuela Raposo**

M. Raposa discussed the foreign nursing credential evaluation

agencies recommendations to go with most widely used process in the US. It was recommended that we go with the CGFNS Certification for nurses based on the NCSBN. D. Becker asked about the price differences and M.Raposa stated they were all similar and < \$200.00. P. Matteson asked if there was expertise in specific cultures/countries. M. Raposa said she supports the Michigan English Language exam. A motion was made for the BORN to accept which Credentialing Agencies we accept and support, ERES (Educational Records Evaluation Service) and Josef Silny & Associates & International Educational Research Foundation. The second was to endorse TOFU, MILAP, ICTS, TORG and PTE for English proficiency testing. We should review every two years to make sure quality is maintained by these agencies. Both motions were made by M. Raposa and seconded by D.Becker. Vote carries unanimously.

- **Salve CCNE Accreditation Visit and the Board's Report- D.Becker & M. Pezzillo**

Report from Salve visit, D. Becker stated that Salve Regina University (SRU) was fully compliant for Standards for Approved Programs and recommend continued approval. One finding was that there was a small policy provision for those who were Massachusetts nurses teaching in Massachusetts and this was changed by October 9.

- **Suzanne Kronsberg-request for emergency faculty waiver- Lincoln Tech**

Sue Kronsberg requested a waiver for the PN program (30 students, started in June). Clinical staff has left leaving them without an 8 to 1

ratio. There is a faculty who is almost complete with her Masters degree (8 to 10 weeks) and she wishes to teach prior to finishing. Primary responsibility Anne Marie Simod will have primary responsibility for evaluating her and mentoring. The only other option is for the Dean to teach this. There is no precedence in Rhode Island. A motion was made by J. Brier second by L. Damon to allow this waiver for 10 weeks under emergency certificate. The program will report back to the Board in the next 10 weeks. The motion passes unanimously.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- C. Rosa has resigned from her post on the Board and a new PCNS is being interviewed by Dr. Fine for her replacement. C. Rosa has been on the board for many years and her contributions have been very valuable and she will be missed. A certificate of appreciation and flowers were presented to Ms. Rosa for her years of service.
- RISNA annual meeting tonight at 6 PM
- RISNA has pulled together an APRN council to bring RNP, CNS, CRNA to support the APRN consensus model. Last year legislation did not get put through as it was poorly understood and will be tried again. Would like to present this to the broader nursing community.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

• On motion by Ms. Rosa, seconded by L. Tardowski, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 10:05 AM

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dr. Matteson called the Open Session back to order at 2:10 pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAW

On motion of M. Pezzillo seconded by M. Cahill, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

11. HEARING:

1200 Tracie Malone- Cancelled- Witness issues.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of D. Becker, seconded by L. Damon it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary